BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

March 20, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 20, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James A. Riley of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie MedlinDistrict 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach District 2
Supervisor Gerald CliftonDistrict 3
Supervisor John CaldwellDistrict 4
Supervisor Tommy LewisDistrict 5
W. E. "Sluggo" DavisChancery Clerk
James. A. RileySheriff
David ArmstrongCounty Administrator
William AustinBoard Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Abandoning Goodman Road from ICRR to Highway 161

This item was held over by the Board of Supervisors.

2. Planning Commission - Hole in Buena Vista

Planning Director Merritt Powell informed the Board of Supervisors that he had gone by the lot in Buena Vista and the hole was still there but that a dump truck and a dozer were on the lot. Mr. Powell said that the owner of the property was given 30 days to correct the problem but failed to do so in that period of time. The Board of Supervisors authorized Mr. Powell to pursue this matter in Justice Court if the problem is not corrected. **See Exhibit C.2**

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Budget Amendment
- a. Civil Defense

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the **ITEM D.1.a, CONTINUED,**

Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning 3/20/00

October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Civil Defense under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-260-534	Equipment Rental	\$1,456.00
Decrease	001-260-544	Service Contract	\$ 624.00
Decrease	001-260-603	Office Supplies	\$ 432.00
Decrease	001-260-935	Other Machines & Equip	\$ 400.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.1.a**

b. Information Systems

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Information Systems under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-152-933	Office Machines	\$ 3,000.00
Decrease	001-152-946	Computer Software	\$ 3,000.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.1.b**

2. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First American Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid as follows:

INVESTMENT	BANK	AMOUNT	RATE	DAYS
03-09-00	First Ameri	can \$17,577,5	00.00 6.05	119

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.2**

3. Interfund Transfer - Metro Narcotics

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics:

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DATE OF

Case Number	<u>Defendant</u>		Date Seized	County Receipt #	<u>Amount</u>
DC-0002-1-00 La	aPatrick D. Scott	1/1/00	10337	\$	76.00
DC-0004-1-00R	oger D. Clemons	1/6/00	10357	\$	243.00
DC-0013-1-00 T	erris D. Poplar	1/4/00	10430	\$	290.00
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DC-0212-1-99 Ulysses Abston	10/30/99	10203		\$1,154.00	
DC-0232-4-99(00) Vincent Bell	1/7/00		10357	\$	73.00
DC-0244-3-99 Alexander Bucacz	12/14/99	10337		\$1,749.00	
DC-0252-1-99 Marvin Robinson	12/16/99	10337		\$ 70.00	
DC-0252-1-99 LaDell Bridgeforth	12/16/99	10337		\$ 220.00	
DC-0252-1-99 Sidney L. Brown III	12/16/99	10337		\$ 313.00	
DC-0254-1-99 Lessie Hodges 12/17/	99 10337		\$ 30	06.00	
DC-0256-1-99 Jesse Taylor	12/18/99	10337		\$ 117.00	

Transfer From 123-900-950 Metro Narcotics Seized \$4,611.00 Transfer To 105-000-388 Metro Narcotics Forfeitures \$4,611.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.3**

4. Building and Grounds - Approval of Contract with Hobart for Dishwasher in Jail

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the service contract for Building and Grounds with Hobart Corporation for the dishwasher in the DeSoto County Jail in the amount of \$491.00 for the period of April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.4**

5. Proclamation to Designate April 1 as Census Day

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the proclamation designating April 1, 2000 as Census Day. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5**

6. Approval to Publish Final Settlement of Contract for Project STP 1964 8 B

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Notice of Publication of Final Settlement of Contract for State Aid Project STP 1964 8 B to be published. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.6**

7. Making Final Approval of Contract with Tire Disposal Systems a Part of Minutes

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to make the final approval of the contract between DeSoto County and Tire Disposal Systems a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.7**

8. Annual Spring Clean Up

At the recommendation of Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to make April 29, 2000 and May 6, 2000 as the dates for the Annual Spring Clean Up. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked about the status of recycling. Mr. Bearden said that four dumpsters are being manufactured and that they will be available in May. Mr. Bearden said that the dumpsters will be placed at two libraries, Justice Court, and at Central Maintenance.

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9. Request for Assistance - North Central Mississippi Resource Conservation

At the recommendation of County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item until April 3, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.9**

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10. DeSoto County Civic Center

County Administrator David Armstrong said that Stuart Taylor, Director of the Civic Center, requested that this item be held over so that they can meet with their financial advisors before addressing the Board of Supervisors about funding for the Civic Center. **See Exhibit D.10**

The Board of Supervisors discussed their commitment to the Civic Center project and briefly discussed the funding needs of the Civic Center.

11. Accepting Semi-Annual County Jail Inspection Report

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Semi-Annual County Jail Inspection Report conducted by the State Fire Marshall's Office for the period January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.11.**

12. Bids Under Advisement - E-911 Radio Tower

At the recommendation of the DeSoto County Emergency Communications District and Brant Engineering, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept Spectrasite as the low bidder to construct the three radio towers and equipment shelters for the Microwave Radio System project in connection with bid file 00-656-001 at a low bid of \$826,560.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.12**

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the payment of the bill from Motorola for equipment ordered for the E-911 Radio Tower project and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

13. Paul Eagles - Corps of Engineers Flood Plain Management

Paul Eagles with the Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding a 50 year plan for flood plain management for the Coldwater River Basin. Mr. Eagles said that a three year feasibility study will be conducted to determine the impact of the flood plain and how to prevent damages to future development in the Coldwater River Basin area. Mr. Eagles said the study will address 170 square miles of urban area in contrast to the current 5.5 square miles.

Mr. Eagles said that approximately \$350,000.00 in federal funds will be available to begin the feasibility study. Mr. Eagles suggested that the Board of Supervisors consider the future needs to determine if they want to be a partner in the study. Mr. Eagles said the funds will be available October 1, 2000 and that a cost sharing agreement will need to be signed showing the County's intent to share in the cost of the study. Mr. Eagles said that the County can count some in-kind services toward their match.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin verified the study will go all the way to the east side of the County. Mr. Eagles said it will.

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The Board instructed the County Administrator to contact the Drainage District in this area regarding the feasibility study.

14. Approval to Travel - Sewer Program

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve travel for the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, Board Attorney, Carl

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Ray Furr, Joe Waggoner, and Barry Bridgeforth to Washington, D. C. in April for the Sewer Program. Supervisor Eugene Thach cautioned that due to the high airfare during the week, only those personnel needed should go. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve travel for the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, Board Attorney, Carl Ray Furr, and Joe Waggoner to Atlanta, Georgia for the Sewer Program. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

15. Approval to Issue Check for Metro Narcotics Vehicles

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that authorization is needed to issue the check for the two used vehicles for Metro Narcotics that the Board approved. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Clerk to write a check in the amount of \$28,000.00 to Auto Buyers, LLC for a pre-owned extended cab truck and a pre-owned sports utility vehicle for Metro Narcotics in connection with bid files 00-226-003 and 00-226-004. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

16. Civil Defense - Authorization to Bid Truck

T. H. Walker, Director of Civil Defense informed the Board of Supervisors that the one ton, four wheel drive Ford truck with crew cab that was approved to be purchased for Civil Defense is no longer available on State Contract. Mr. Walker asked for authorization to go out for bids for the vehicle. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that when advertising for bids, all markets must have an opportunity to bid on the truck. Mr. Austin said that if Mr. Walker wants nothing but a Ford truck he will have to wait for the truck to be available again on State Contract.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Civil Defense to go out for bids for a one ton, four wheel drive truck with a crew cab, and with a diesel engine listed as an option. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	-YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	-NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	-YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	-YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	-YES

See Exhibit **D.16**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the reason he voted against the truck was because it is in the middle of the budget year and these funds were coming out of the General Fund and he does not feel this is an emergency.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "Executive Session" portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes **ITEM E, CONTINUED,**

called "Executive Session.

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Sewer Program

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Joe Waggoner and County Administrator David Armstrong to represent DeSoto County and to make a presentation on the Sewer Program at Samstown on April 12, 2000. The

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motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Road Overlay

County Engineer Daniel Murphey informed the Board of Supervisors that his estimate for the asphalt overlay contract is \$1,200,000.00 and that Road Manager Kenny Gunn's estimate was \$1,052,000.00. Mr. Murphey said his estimate is higher due to oil prices. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and John Caldwell seconded the motion to advertise for bids for asphalt overlay. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Resolution for CDBG Funds

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Resolution stating the County's intent to provide matching funds up to \$1,275,000.00 for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.3**

4. Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust the homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.4**

5. Central Maintenance Equipment Auction

Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented a list of items sold at the Central Maintenance Equipment held March 18, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis verified that the items sold have been taken off inventory and insurance. **See Exhibit F.5**

6. Library Internet Service

Supervisor Eugene Thach informed the Board of Supervisors that he received a call from a constituent and was informed that adults are requesting that the filters be removed to access pornography on the Internet at the library. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the Library Board should address this issue and cautioned about Constitutionality of censoring.

7. Administration Building Ribbon Cutting

Supervisor Eugene Thach announced to the press that the Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the Administration Building is scheduled for April 14, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn until April 3, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 20th day of March, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

EUGENE C. THACH, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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